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APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Report by the Board of Governors

1. On 28 September 1993 the General Conference approved the appointment of Dr. Hans Blix, the present Director General of the Agency, which the Board of Governors had made.[1/] The period of appointment will end on 30 November 1997. Dr. Blix has indicated that he is not seeking a further term.

2. On 5 June 1997, the Board proceeded to appoint Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei to the post of Director General, to serve for four years from 1 December 1997 to 30 November 2001. Pursuant to Article VII.A of the Statute, the Board requests the Conference to approve this appointment and accordingly recommends adoption of the draft resolution set out below.

Draft resolution

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

The General Conference,

(a) Having considered the question of the appointment of the Director General,

(b) Having further considered the recommendation of the Board of Governors on this matter contained in document GC(41)/5,

Approves, in accordance with Article VII of the Statute, the appointment of Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei as the Director General from 1 December 1997 to 30 November 2001.

1/ By resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/608.

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ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors desires to inform the General Conference that pursuant to Article VI.A.1 of the Statute it has made the following designations of Members of the Agency to serve on the Board from the end of the forty-first (1997) regular session to the end of the forty-second (1998) regular session of the General Conference:

AUSTRALIA
BRAZIL
CANADA
CHINA
FRANCE
GERMANY
INDIA
JAPAN
NETHERLANDS
RUSSIAN FEDERATION
SOUTH AFRICA
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Note by the Secretariat

1. In September 1995 the General Conference, on the recommendation of the Board of Governors, appointed the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the Agency's External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the financial years 1996 and 1997.[1/]

2. In bringing this matter to the attention of the Board the Chairman noted that, because of the uniqueness and complexities of the Agency's activities, it is useful if the External Auditor serves for a period of at least four years; this makes for more thorough and efficient auditing and follow-up on recommendations. In this connection, attention is drawn to the fact that the previous two External Auditors (from Kenya and Canada) served for eight years (1982-89) and six years (1990-95) respectively.

3. The External Auditor's staff has indicated that the expected costs of auditing the Agency's accounts for the years 1998 and 1999 would be consistent with the current annual auditing fee of US $265 000, adjusted as necessary for inflation and/or any changes in audit scope that might be deemed necessary.

4. On 10 June 1997, the Board of Governors recommended that the General Conference appoint the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the Agency's External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1998 and 1999.

1/ See General Conference decision GC(39)/DEC/17.